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SUBJECT: SENATOR JAVITS' ARRIVAL STATEMENT IN PANAMA

1. EMBASSY SUGGESTS SHORT ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOR SENATOR
JAVITS ALONG LINES OF FOLLOWING:

2. BEGIN QUOTE IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE HERE IN PANAMA.

THE UNITED STATES AND PANAMA HAVE BEEN BOUND TOGETHER IN A
CLOSE AND SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BY THE CANAL ENTERPRISE FOR
OVER 70 YEARS. WHILE ON BALANCE THE RELATIONSHIP HAS BEEN A
FRIENDLY AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ONE, THE TREATY UPON WHICH
IT IS BASED DATES BACK TO 1903 AND BOTH GOVERNMENTS RECOGNIZE
IT IS NO LONGER ADEQUATE OR SUITABLE FOR THE NEEDS OF
TODAY. RECENTLY THE TREATY TERMS AND THE NATURE OF THE
UNITED STATES PRESENCE IN THE CANAL ZONE HAVE CREATED
FRICTIONS AND DIFFICULTIES IN THE OVERALL RELATIONSHIP.

TO ELIMINATE THE CAUSES OF FRICTION, NEGOTIATIONS
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES TO ACHIEVE A NEW CANAL TREATY AND
MODERNIZE OUR RELATIONSHIP ARE CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS. THEY
ARE A MATTER OF GREAT INTEREST TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE,
AND TO ITS ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES, THE CONGRESS OF THE
UNITED STATES. BECAUSE OF THAT INTEREST I LOOK FORWARD TO
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DISCUSSING THE CANAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE DISTINGUISHED

PANAMANIAN WHO HAS KINDLY AGREED TO MEET WITH ME, INCLUDING
HEAD OF GOVERNMENT, GENERAL OMAR TORRIJOS HERRERA. IN SO DOING
I WISH TO BETTER MY UNDERSTANDING OF PANAMA'S VIEWS AND
POSITIONS ON THIS ISSUE OF HEMISPHERIC IMPORTANCE. I ALSO
WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY OF THIS VISIT TO INFORM MYSELF BETTER ON
OTHER MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO OUR TWO NATIONS. END QUOTE.

3. PLEASE ADVISE US OF ANY AMENDMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
WE WILL HAVE STATEMENT TRANSLATED INTO SPANISH AND READY FOR
HANDOUT AND PRESS RELEASE UPON ARRIVAL.

4. SUGGEST A PRESS CONFERENCE BE HELD AT TIME OF SENATOR'S
DEPARTURE. WE WILL PREPARE A DRAFT STATEMENT FOR THAT
CONFERENCE WHILE SENATOR IS HERE.
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